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Spartan to bear torch

Olympic symbol comes to SJSU

By Heather L. Haas
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The 1996 Olympic Torch Relay will be coming to SJSU as it passes through San Jose Thursday, May 2. Forty-six local "Community Heroes" will serve as torchbearers, including SJSU senior, Wendy Kohler.

Kohler, who is a physical education major with a concentration in adapted physical activity, said she is excited about being selected to carry the torch.

"I feel like I am happy to represent people with disabilities," said Kohler, who spends much of her time working with physically and mentally challenged high school students.

In addition to the torch relay, Kohler will also be a volunteer in the Paralympics, an athletic event for people with physical disabilities that will take place in Atlanta one week after the summer games.

Kohler and the other torchbearers were selected by The United Way and a panel of local community leaders who announced their selections at a reception Thursday morning at City Hall.

The torchbearers come from Santa Clara County, Monterey and parts of Coastal and Central California.

"They are people who have made significant contributions to the community," said Christie Welter, manager of the United Way Community Celebration featuring the Olympic Torch Relay.

Eight Olympians from this region will also carry the torch, along with individuals selected in Coca-Cola's "Share the Spirit" program.

The torch will arrive in San Jose on the evening of May 2 via train. It will be carried south on Santa Clara Street through Japan Town. It will then make its way around the campus and head west on San Carlos Street to Caesar Chavez Park, Welter said.

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The politics of care

Children become campaign issue

By Francis Ladines
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Parents with a limited income often struggle with finding affordable housing, quality day care and social services to help better their lives. And it is usually juggled with working to put something on the dinner table. For legislators planning their agendas for elections this year, child care has become an important issue. Their decisions could affect parents' ability to get child care and other services. Those who are uninformed and who do not vote will be left out of those decisions.

"Parents are so busy with children," said Assemblywoman Liz Figueroa (D-San Jose) at a press conference Thursday, "Who's running for what, and what are all these signs (for candidates)?" may be the reaction of the uninformed voters.

The conference was held at the YWCA Villa Nueva Child Care Center at 375 S. Third St. in San Jose, and was organized by Assemblyman Dominic Cortese (Reform-San Jose) and the Santa Clara County Child Care Coalition to discuss the VOTE FOR KIDS! campaign. The campaign consists of Thursday's Child Care Voter Registration Day and the Child Care Summit on March 2 at San Jose State University.

On Thursday, all child care centers in California were encouraged to have voter registration information available to encourage participating families to vote. The Villa Nueva

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The Dream

King shares his message with SJSU

By Lisa Brown
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Martin Luther King III spoke Thursday night in the Morris Dailey Auditorium about contemporary civil rights issues and the roles of students to bring about positive change.

"My point to you is that whatever our challenge ... there has to be student activism involved," King said.

In his speech, King touched on what he called the triple evils: racism, poverty and violence.

He said that two people in his family were gunned down: his father when King was only 10 years old and his grandmother when he was 16.

King said that his grandfather, who lost both his son and wife, said to him, "I love

everybody and I'm not gonna let anybody reduce me to hatred."

"I was taught how to love, so I could not hate," King said.

He said that children mirror their home environment and we must be examples to our children as well as consistent about how we act around our children.

The Institute for Social Responsibility, the African Awareness Month Committee and the President's Office of SJSU sponsored the lecture in honor of Black History Month.

King said that the history of African-Americans is distorted and we have Black History Month to educate the people about what the truth is and where it comes from.

"We must have recognition of African-

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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ABOVE: Martin Luther King III speaks in Morris Dailey Auditorium on Thursday night. His speech was titled "My Father's Dream."

LEFT: King stands next to SJSU President Robert L. Caret (far right) before King's speech. Caret introduced King to the approximately 500 in attendance.

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Students explore bright future at SunBoost '96

By William Jeske
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

It was a gloomy day over the one-year-old Menlo Park location of Sun Microsystems Inc., but the potential futures of hundreds of college students from about 17 campuses were beaming.

The 13-year-old "cutting edge technology" global business, whose headquarters is in Mountain View, conducted SunBoost '96, its first ever on-site job fair and recruitment drive directed at minorities and women.

About 18 SJSU students had preregistered for the catered job fair and all attendees had from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. to gawk at incredibly high-resolution monitors of the company's wares, hobnob with employees wearing green polo shirts sporting the SunBoost '96 logo and make contacts with interviewers for internships.

"It's really cool and I learned a lot," said computer science major Kim Tran. Tran said one of the more useful features provided by the fair was résumé critiquing.

She said she learned of the event from an advertisement in the Spartan Daily.

To take part in the event, interested students need to be majoring in electrical engineering, computer science, manufacturing engineering and industrial engineering, said SJSU student and Sun Microsystems employee Laura Cuellar, who has been with the company for more than two years.

Cuellar, a psychology major, is a diversity intern who said she is applying her skills toward industrial human resources.

Sun Microsystems manufactures computers, networking applications and "innova-

tive, cutting edge technology," said Sandra White, human resources manager who said she'd been with Sun Microsystems for nine years.

Already, Sun Microsystems has a "tremendous amount of diversity," said Affinity Group spokeswoman Eve Sandoval.

"Affinity Groups" are focus groups at Sun Microsystems acting in the best interests of employees' specific nationalities and lifestyles, such as Korean and Vietnamese groups and one for gay and lesbian employees.

"We have offices all over the world," Sandoval said, "and one group of a particular affinity group can tell other (Sun Microsystems employees) in another country about itself."

Hall of Famer remembered

Former dean brought respect to his program

By Francis Ladines
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Elected just last year to the Silicon Valley Engineering Hall of Fame, Norman O. Gunderson left a legacy that was known among engineers in the area.

As a former dean of engineering at San Jose State University, he helped develop a college that today supplies most of the engineering talent in the valley.

He died at the age of 77 on Feb. 1, in a San Jose hospital.

Gunderson was known for helping SJSU engineering programs get accreditation. In 1956, Gunderson had just become the dean of engineering at SJSU. IBM, Lockheed and other San Jose companies from various industries were in need of engineers.

SJSU could provide them, but the school's lack of accreditation kept the program from being respected. Accreditation would draw and keep superior professors, providing graduates the education to compete for the best jobs.

A post graduate program could then be developed to keep graduates up to date with technology.

But legislation kept SJSU from becoming accredited.

The Engineering Agreement of 1953 was formed by University of California administrators to prevent state colleges from receiving accreditation.

Only a change in this law could grant Gunderson's wish.

He lobbied for years, eventually succeeding. In 1959, SJSU was accredited in civil and electrical engineering. Gunderson remained dean of engineering until a heart attack in 1970 prompted him to leave this administrative post.

He went on to lead what had become the master's degree program in cybernetic systems. He retired from that post in 1975, but was available in various capacities until 1983.

He joined the SJSU faculty in 1948, teaching until his appointment to dean in 1956.

SPARTAN

SPEED READ

Step Show '96

"Unity creates changes; changes make history" is the theme of the Step Show '96 at San Jose State University which will take place on Sunday, at the Morris Dailey Auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

Capt. Spock's flick

Leonard Nimoy, Mr. Spock on "Star Trek," is directing a Broadway-bound play about a woman with Alzheimer's and the effect the disease has on her relationship with her family.

Gymnastics meet

Friday night will be inundated with tumbling, vaulting, and daring feats as the men's and women's gymnastics teams come face to toe to face again with UC Berkeley and Cal State Sacramento.

Selection continue

Jury selection continued Thursday in the Polly Klaas kidnap and murder case, amid a television news report that may have violated a gag order.

JOB RE-TRAINING for the 21ST CENTURY:

Editorial

G.E. classes offer a balanced curriculum

There is a growing argument on campus concerning the necessity of general education requirements prior to graduation.

Core G.E. requirements, both lower and upper division, are an integral and necessary part of an education at this and any university.

While some students may feel these courses are unrelated to their particular major or course of study, these are the classes which define a university education. These are the classes that make a degree from a university different from that of a trade or technical school.

A trade or technical school provides a specialized education in a specific study.

A university provides an education in a student's chosen area of study, and also broadens the spectrum of learning by encompassing many schools of thought. Would a food science major ever have the opportunity to learn about the process of federal government without a political science G.E. requirement? Maybe, but not likely.

Currently, there are five core G.E. course categories covering various general areas of study: communication, mathematics, science, humanities and social science. A well-rounded education should include knowledge in all these areas.

There are six upper division G.E. course categories. These classes are more closely related to

the human side of education: society, culture, environment, human development, cultural pluralism and written communication.

Students might question the value of some of these classes. We find an inherent value for both the student body and the surrounding community when a student's education touches on a culture other than his or her own.

By requiring these courses, the university enhances a student's education. Students are given a taste of the world around them. It's up to the student at that point to discover whether that taste is to their liking.

What does society, a university in particular, do to protect these victims?

Zero tolerance

By Leslie Asbury

Sexual assault is one of the most feared occurrences for most people. It is a crime that knows no age or gender. When it does occur, victims are left with emotional scars that will remain with them until their dying day.

What happens when someone is sexually assaulted? What does society, a university in particular, do to protect these victims and give them the strength and security to come forward and press charges?

In the fall 1994, a young woman was dropped off at Virginia Polytechnic & State University for her freshman year. Last April, Christy Brzonkala, phoned her parents to tell them that she was raped by two men from her dorm, both freshman football players. She was convinced by her parents and a rape counselor to bring a confidential university disciplinary complaint against the two men.

One of the men, James L. Crawford, was later cleared of any charges due to a teammate confirming his alibi. Antonio J. Morrison, the other suspect, was delivered a one year suspension from the school.

Upon the reinstatement of Morrison, Brzonkala withdrew from the university and filed a class action suit against the two men and the university, claiming that the school overturned the judicial process. She said that it violated Title IX laws of sex discrimination in federally funded schools.

Brzonkala's lawsuit seeks to bar Virginia Tech from handling sexual assault cases internally as well as \$8.3 million in damages.

Virginia Tech is one of many schools that has a secret disciplinary system to deal with student offenses internally. The system was originally devised to deal with cheating, but had widened its rulings to cases from petty theft to sexual assault.

I do not see how any school would lay down such a simplistic slap on the hand for such a traumatic and unforgivable act. Obviously, they found Morrison guilty of something, or else he would not have been punished. Instead of punishing for the extent of the crime, they punished to the extent of his standing. How is that fair?

This poor woman went away from home to experience life and learn. All she really learned is that the system overlooked her because the young men held some clout there.

When looking into the judiciary system at SJSU, I found a zero tolerance policy. I found a long complicated process that seems to care about the interests and rights of both the victim and suspect.

If a sexual assault occurs on campus, or happens to a

student off campus, the school reports the case to the Prevention Education Program (PEP). A representative from the YWCA Sexual Response Team, one of the best in the country, meets the victim at Valley Medical Center, the only hospital in the county that does official rape evaluations. The representative stays with the victim through the evaluation and then helps him or her through the entire recovery process, sometimes working with the victim six months to a year.

The victim has the choice of whether to press charges with the District Attorney's Office.

According to Harriet Pila, Director of PEP, if the suspect is a student at SJSU, then a judiciary hearing is also held on campus. Pila said that if the suspect is found guilty, he or she is expelled from school, no matter what. She also said that there is a zero tolerance policy that the university sticks by, regardless of the situation.

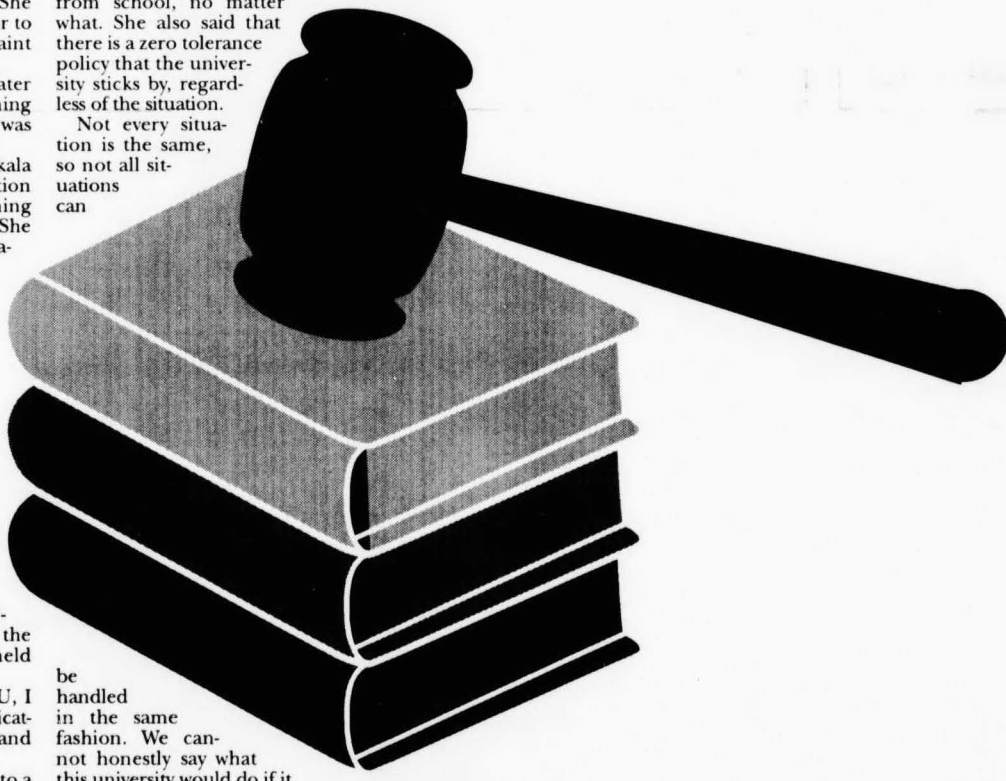
Not every situation is the same, so not all situations can

be handled in the same fashion. We cannot honestly say what this university would do if it

were Virginia Tech, but it sounds like it has a pretty strict set of rules in dealing with similar situations. It's good to know that SJSU has thought about sexual assault and has a program like the YWCA Sexual Response Team working close by, but this set of rules cannot always protect every situation.

Having an important role in any university has some advantages that should be overlooked. Can any school guarantee that the next student on campus will be judged purely on their alleged crime, not their standing? Until that time, I think that injustice, like that of Christy Brzonkala, will continue to happen.

Leslie Asbury is a Spartan Daily Staff Writer.



—Letter

Financial Aid office is unhelpful

I am writing in response to the article written by Becki Bell (*What's wrong with the financial aid office*). I agree with Becki. I have gone through the "system" and was rejected. It is so hard to get any sort of grant or loan.

When I was a freshman, I applied for financial aid. I was told everyone received at least \$465 just for applying.

The main reason I applied was the necessity for money. At 18, I was about to enter college, which I had to pay for.

So I applied through financial aid and was denied. I was forced to earn the money myself. During my freshman year, I had three jobs. Not all sporadically, but at the same time.

This was not my only run-in with the financial aid office. A couple of months ago, my car finally gave up and I needed money to buy a used car, so I thought of a student loan. I went to the offices, only to be rejected again. They told me in

order for me to get a loan, I would have to be approved by the office, then the bank would take over. Then I was told that if I were approved, the earliest I would get the money was in August. I could not wait until August, so I've given up with financial aid. I've learned the easiest way to get money is to earn it.

I believe the rules need to be changed. The whole program needs to be reconstructed.

If the financial aid office couldn't see that I needed money, they need to change something. Just because I'm

basically still living with my parents, I am automatically rejected. They assume my parents are paying for school.

Melissa Esquivel
Child development

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SJSU's Daily Calendar

TODAY

Cambodian Students Association

Rehearsal for Cambodian New Years. 3p.m. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 971-8005.

Career Center

Resume critique. 12:30p.m.-2p.m. Student Union, Almaden rm. Call 924-6033.

Chinese Campus Fellowship

Bible study. 2:30p.m.-5p.m. Student Union, Guadalupe rm. Call 225-2224.

Delta Lambda Phi

"Centaur." 9p.m. Hamburger Mary's. Call 446-5203.

Ice Hockey at SJSU

Game. 8p.m. Ice Center. Call 280-5140.

Indian Students Association

Meeting. 1:30p.m. Student Union, council chambers. Call 926-4640.

Latter-day Saint Students Association (LDSSA)

Friday Forum - "Indoor Soccer." 12:30p.m. 66 S. Seventh St. Call 286-3313.

M.E.Ch.A.

Meeting. 2p.m. Wahlquist Library, third floor. Call 246-2565.

Muslim Student Association (MSA)

Friday prayers, "Salat-ul Jumma." 1:15p.m.-2p.m. Student Union, Costanoan rm. Call 448-8212.

Peer Education Program and Condom Co-Op

Table for Campus Condom Week. 11a.m.-2p.m. Student Union. Call 924-6119.

School of Art and Design

Student gallery exhibits. 11a.m.-4p.m. Art Bldg. Call 924-4330.

Women's Resource Center

Weekly open support group. 10:30p.m. Administration Bldg., rm. 207. Call 924-6500.

SATURDAY

Beta Alpha Psi

(a volunteer income tax assistance program). Income tax form assistance for students. 12noon-4p.m. Business Classrooms, rm. 309. Call 924-9837.

Delta Zeta

Dinner, and basketball game(s). 5:30p.m. Delta Zeta house, 148 S. 11th St. Call 292-6549.

Hong Kong Club

Barbecue. 12noon. Lake Cunningham Regional Park. Call 896-2663.

Phi Alpha Phi

Rush party, "California Dreamin'." 9p.m. 769 N. Matilda Ave., Sunnyvale. Call 295-0637.

SUNDAY

Lutheran Student Fellowship

"Agape," a time of praise and study. 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m. First Immanuel Lutheran Church, on Third Street.

Sparta Guide is free and available to students, faculty & staff associations. Deadline is 5pm two days before publication. Forms available at DBH 209. Entries may be edited to allow for space restrictions.

PEOPLE

The Ten Commandments, pointy ears and blue eyes

School not happy with Heston

FLORENCE, Ala. (AP) — They love him, ma-a-a-n! (Sob.) Uh, unless he's going to sell beer.

Charlton Heston's appearance in a Bud Light commercial led an Alabama Christian school to cancel his speech at its annual fund-raiser March 22.

The commercial — which uses the catch phrase "I love you, ma-a-a-n!" and a fake sob — was first shown during the Super Bowl on Jan. 28.

"We had some complaints and concerns," said David Vester, president of the Mars Hill Bible School. "We're a Christian school, and part of our purpose for being is to teach against the evils of drinking."

Heston's screen roles have included Moses and Ben-Hur.

His secretary in Los Angeles did not immediately return a call for comment Thursday.

That is highly illogical, captain

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For Spock, there are many enterprises.

Leonard Nimoy, Mr. Spock on "Star Trek," is directing a Broadway-bound play, serving as host of a cable TV show and enjoying his five grandchildren.

"I have a great sense of fulfillment from the work. I have a wonderful personal life. I relish each day," he said in an interview this month.

Nimoy, 64, recently became host of the Arts & Entertainment's documentary series "Ancient Mysteries." And he is directing "The Apple Doesn't Fall ...," a stage comedy written by Trish Vradenburg.

The play is about a woman with Alzheimer's and the effect the disease has on her relationship with her family. An experimental drug helps her regain her faculties.

Castaway says CBS debated navel

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Times have surely changed: CBS censors used to get worked up about a navel or a little cleavage on "Gilligan's Island."

"We were always covering ourselves up. TV is certainly more liberal these days," said Dawn Wells, who played wholesome Mary Ann on the '60s series. Her co-star Tina Louise played the movie star Ginger.

"My navel and Tina's cleavage were always the subject of debate," Wells said.

Wells was in Columbus on Wednesday to help kick off a senior citizens program

sponsored by two hospitals. She addressed about 100 senior citizens and autographed her "Gilligan's Island Cookbook."

Almost 30 years after the comedy series' final original episode aired, Wells is still riding the waves of Gilligan's popularity.

"Everyone wants to ask me about Gilligan and the Professor, and my days on the island," said Wells, who is in her early 50s. "And I love to talk about them."

She still sees Bob Denver (Gilligan) and Russell Johnson (The Professor), but she doesn't see Louise that often.

"Everyone wants to ask me about Gilligan and the Professor and my days on the island. And I love to talk about them."

Dawn Wells

actress

Esquire gets frank with Frank

NEW YORK (AP) — Esquire magazine asks, and Frank Sinatra answers:

— What should a man never do in the presence of a woman? "Yawn."

— How do you know when a hat looks right on you? "When no one laughs."

— How do you know when you've picked the right barber? "When you leave the shop and no one hands you a hat, you're OK."

Those are a few of the snappers from Sinatra in the March issue of Esquire. Writer Bill Zehme corresponded with the 80-year-old Sinatra, asking "essential questions, the kind that could save a guy's life."

It's a Stewart thing

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — It's a good thing. Maybe too much of a good thing.

The town Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 Tuesday to deny Martha Stewart's application to put an 800-square-foot greenhouse on her property. Zoning laws limit all

accessory buildings except garages to 300 square feet.

The doyenne of gracious living was out of town for the hearing and was represented by her brother, contractor George Christiansen.

One possible option for Stewart: Put in two or more 300-square-foot greenhouses connected by breezeways, Christiansen said.

Black activist has pain in his leg

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1960s black activist formerly known as Stokely Carmichael underwent tests Thursday after experiencing severe pain in his leg.

Carmichael, 54, who now goes by the name Kwame Toure and lives in the West African nation of Guinea, was in New York to recruit members for his All-African People's Revolutionary Party.

He was taken to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, where he underwent a complete checkup to determine what caused the pain, said the party's spokeswoman, Mawina Kouyate.

"He'll be in the hospital a week or so, and after the tests are complete we should have a more definitive answer," she said.

Toure, former chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and an organizer of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, wrote "Stokely Speaks" and "Black Power."

'Days' cleans up at soap awards

BEVERLY HILLS (AP) — Robin Strasser of "One Life To Live" and Maurice Benard of "General Hospital" were among the winners in the 12th annual "Soap Opera Digest" awards.

Fans and readers of the magazine judged performances given between September 1994 and September 1995. Ballots were in the Oct. 24 issue.

Nominees were chosen by the editors, but the nominees for favorite show, hottest female and male stars and hottest romance, were based on reader mail.

The winners, announced in a ceremony televised Wednesday night on NBC, were:

Favorite show: "Days of Our Lives."

Outstanding lead actress: Robin Strasser

(Dorian Lord, "One Life To Live")

Outstanding lead actor: Maurice Benard

(Sonny Corinthos, "General Hospital")

Hottest male star: Peter Reckell (Bo

Brady, "Days Of Our Lives")

Hottest female star: Lynn Herring (Lucy

Coe, "General Hospital")

Step Show '96 highlights the changes of history

By Leslie Asbury
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

"Unity creates changes; changes make history" is the theme of the Step Show '96 at San Jose State University which will take place on Sunday.

As part of African Awareness Month, the step show is an African-American fraternity and sorority function that serves as an outlet for the community, specifically high school students.

According to Leighton Lang, president of the African Step Show Council (ASSC) and a member of Omega Psi Phi, the event shows the students there is more for a black student to do than attend classes.

Stepping is a form of dance that originated from African culture and resembles stepping or marching.

The step show is a competition between most of the nine national African-American organizations, fraternities and sororities located on campus. All are community service organizations. Lang said that the step show gives them a chance to show students who these organizations are.

"It gives the high school students self-esteem," said Lang. "They will want to go on to college and join these organizations."

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Leighton Lang
African Step Show Council president

Lang said all the organizations have joined together for at least ten years to form the ASSC and organize the step show.

Each year, the entire show is geared toward a theme that sends out a message. The message can represent anything that has happened within that year or on that anniversary.

There are four men's groups and four women's groups that will be competing Sunday. Randy Jackson, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, said each group can have anywhere from one to 15 members.

Each group converts its routine to portray the message of the show and sets it to music. Routines can last from eight to 12 minutes and will be judged on such things as precision and originality. All the judges are alumni of the African-American organizations that have participated in past step shows.

The step show will take place at the Morris Daily Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 at the door. The winners will be announced at the dance, which will be held in the Student Union Ballroom from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., costing \$5 before 10 p.m.

"Come support this event," Jackson said. "It's a big tradition for Black History Month and we lowered our prices so that everyone can get in."

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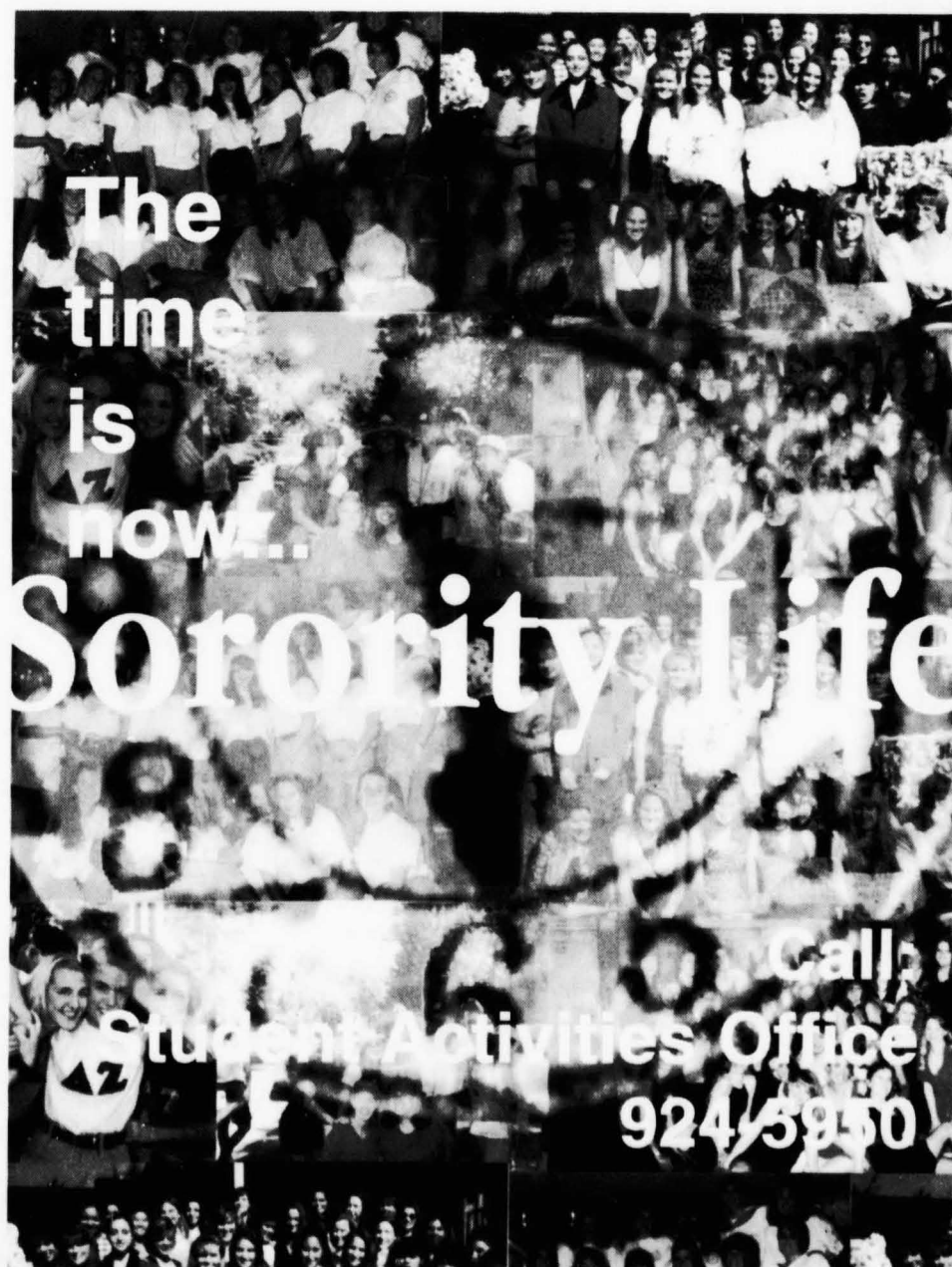
Multicultural/ Performing Arts

Bring multicultural / performing arts events, dance, and theater

The A.S.P.B. is responsible for the presentation of cultural, educational artistic and entertainment programs and events for the SJSU campus and community.

Applications are due by the end of February in the A.S. office at the top floor of the Student Union Building

For more information call
924-6240 or 924-6260



Sports Focus

Updates

For Feb. 15

Basketball

◆ Spartans play University of Pacific for a chance to move into a playoff spot on Saturday.

SJSU basketball guard Olivier Saint-Jean leads the league in scoring with 16.2 points a game.



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Gymnastics

◆ Men are ranked 17th in the nation and women continue to break records. Catch a glimpse of both teams Friday.

Schedule

For Feb. 12-18

Basketball

◆ Pacific at SJSU, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., at the Event Center.

Baseball

◆ SJSU vs Cal Poly on Friday, 2 p.m., at Muni Stadium.

Men's Tennis

◆ Spartans against Northern Arizona on Saturday at Spartan Courts, 11 a.m.

Softball

◆ SJSU against Saint Mary's, Moraga, Calif., Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Rugby

◆ Spartans face Chico State Saturday at South Campus, 1 p.m.

Men's Gymnastics

◆ California Berkeley at SJSU, Friday, 7:30 p.m., Spartan Gym.

Women's Gymnastics

◆ C.S. Sacramento at SJSU, Friday, 7:30 p.m., Spartan Gym.

Hockey

◆ UC Davis at SJSU, Friday, 8 p.m., ICE CENTRE.

Briefs

The SJSU men's gymnastics team is ranked 17th in the nation by the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The Spartans are also ranked fourth in the western region.

Spartans shoot for playoffs

Team unity turns on light switch



EDDIE ZACAPA
From Left
Field

Thanks to Olivier Saint-Jean, the SJSU basketball team (6-15, 5-8) is back in the thick of the race for the Big West Conference playoffs.

The French transfer drilled a 32-foot shot at the buzzer against Utah State and made a key basket in the University of Nevada game that put the Spartans on top to stay, giving the Spartans their last two victories at home and a shot at the playoffs.

But hold your breath, the chances are still slim. The Spartans, who lost nine straight games and appeared as extinct as dinosaurs, pretty much have to win Saturday night to stay in the hunt.

Or else ... it's bye-bye baby. If SJSU wins? Well, throw the cards on the table and let the dice roll — especially if Pacific loses its game on Thursday to UNLV.

SJSU, in the seventh place slot, simply needs to finish the season in the sixth to qualify.

At the start of the season, SJSU coach Stan Morrison believed this was the year the Spartans would make the BWC playoffs and turn on the light switch.

"This team is physically far more gifted than last year. They are more experienced and the key thing is that they know how I think, so we are on the same page."

Well, it appears that the team finally is on the same page, after appearing to be in the dark all season.

The team may be closer than

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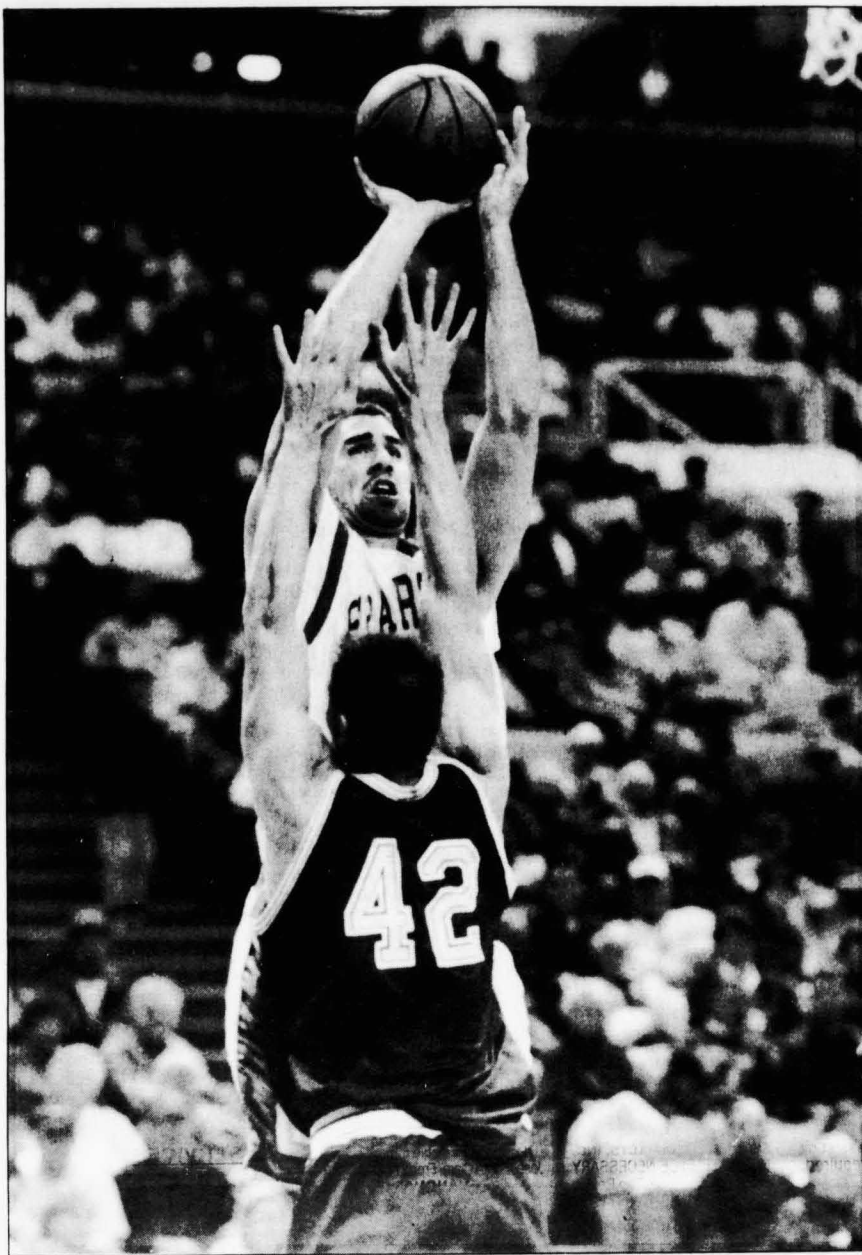


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SJSU center Sam Allen shoots over a defender early in the season. Allen is the Spartans second leading scorer with 14.2 points a game.

Team could leapfrog into fourth place

By Russell Hall
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

For the first time in over a month, the Spartan men's basketball team has a chance for a three-game winning streak Saturday night at 7:30 at the Event Center.

Coming off two emotional wins last week against Utah State and University of Nevada Reno, the Spartans (6-15, 5-8) face a scenario where they could possibly grab a share of fourth place by the end of the week.

Pending the results of last night's conference games (SJSU had a bye) fourth place is possible. Back to back losses by University of Pacific, UNR, and Utah State accompanied with a SJSU win over Pacific on Saturday night would result in at least a four-way tie for fourth place.

To confuse the situation even more, two other teams must be mentioned. If New Mexico State (5-8 in league) wins both games this week and the above mentioned all occurs, they will leapfrog into fourth place. If 4-8 UNLV (who played UOP last night) wins both games they would join the new five-way tie for either fourth or fifth place, depending on New Mexico State results.

If you are confused all you need to know is that SJSU is in a hunt for one of the six spots available to make the post-season Big West Tournament and has a good chance if they keep on winning.

To keep the winning streak going the Spartans must overcome a UOP team that beat them by 21 points last month in Stockton.

Anchoring the UOP team is Adam Jacobsen and Rayne Mahaffey who are averaging 13.8 and 10.7 points a game, respectively. The Tigers have won their last three games.

SJSU will most likely stick to its lineup of the last six games of Tito Addison, Marmet Williams, Sam Allen, Roy Hammonds, and Olivier Saint-Jean. Saint-Jean is averaging 16.2 points a game (in league) with Allen following him with 14.2 points a game.

Gymnastics teams to put on show

Women break records as men are ranked 17th

By Lindy Boisvert
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Spartan Gym will be inundated with tumbling, vaulting, and daring feats when the men's and women's gymnastics teams come face to toe to face with University of California at Berkeley and Cal State Sacramento today at 7:30.

The men's team will be competing against opponents who have defeated them fifteen times in a

row. Earlier this year, the Spartans met the Golden Bears at the Spartan Open. The Golden Bears scored 225.55 to the Spartans' 201.30.

The Spartans are currently ranked 17th in the nation with a score of 210.1, 9.8 points higher than when they last met the Golden Bears.

The women are having a record breaking year, earning the best total team score on Jan. 26 in the meet against Cal State Fullerton with a score of 188.950. At the

same meet, they earned the highest score for team vault with a score of 47.075 and beam with a score of 47.525. Feb. 9, they earned the highest score for team bars with a score of 47.425. The only record they have yet to break is on the floor exercise.

Junior Tara Law is having a good year. She set the school record for highest scoring individual in all events with a score of 38.675. On the list of top 20 all around SJSU scores, Law is listed nine times.

Team looks for wins

Spartan Daily Staff Report

Coming off a 10-1 win against Saint Mary's College Wednesday, baseball coach Sam Piraro hopes this weekend's series against San Luis Obispo will define his team's personality.

"We want to establish ourselves as a good home team," Piraro said.

Piraro said his team has a mix of both experienced and inexperienced players. The

outfielders are all returning players while his infield is young, he said.

The Spartans are 4-4 this season in non-league games.

Piraro, who believes the Mustangs are a good team said, "They will help us show we can win on a consistent basis."

SLO, which plays in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC), is on a four game win streak and is 6-1.

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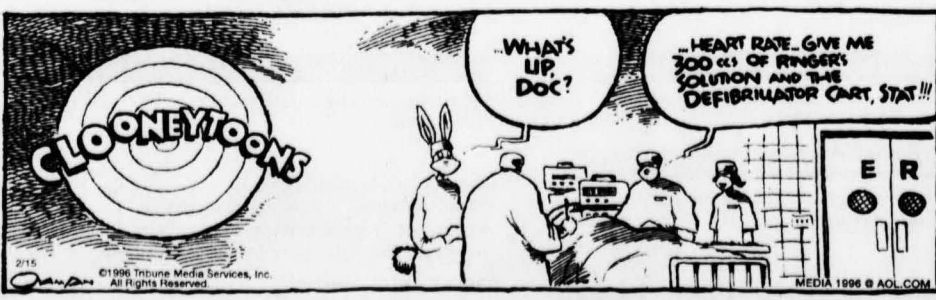
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King

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Americans until America realizes her strength is in diversity."

Although King said that February is a month missing a few days, he said, "We need to study all of the history of all of the great people of this nation."

We must understand who we are as a nation."

Student reaction to the speech was enthusiastic.

"It wasn't a typical white bashing lecture," said Steve Tate, an SJSU graduate student.

Tate said he expected a rehash of his father's message and said he was impressed.

Phyllis Dawkins-Thames, an SJSU human resources major, said she brought her nine-year-old son Eric to the event because he was very curious about the connection between him and his father.

She said that although King started out slowly, she was impressed with him as a speaker and said the civil rights activist said all the thing she says to her children.

"I agreed 100 percent," she said.

King cited numerous student revolts, such as citizenship rights, voting rights, fair housing, the Vietnam war, and most recently the student uprising that demanded their universities divest from South Africa because of its racist apartheid policy.

Thus, he said, the legacy and power of students is that of significant change.

However, he said that racism is still prevalent in the United States.

"Some say that racism is dead," he said. "It's alive and well and very much with us."

He told the audience that they, as a nation, are obviously not where they need to be for the coming millennium.

He said the challenge is to figure out how people can co-exist with one another.

He said he did not understand how African-Americans can walk past each other without speaking.

"Why is that?" King said.

"Americans must learn how to love — you can't begin to love anything until (you) learn to love yourself, God and others," he said.

He said that freedom, justice and equality must be achieved.

He said that his father showed America that changed can be achieved with nonviolence.

King closed his lecture by reciting a poem titled, "Prayers Can't be Answered Unless They're Prayed," telling students that prayers have to be said.

"I was impressed," said Sandra Thomas, an SJSU business major. "I thought he would be more controversial."

King III remembers father; wants to 'spark activism'

By Lisa Brown
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

His father was like any other, he said. They'd toss around a baseball or football on the front lawn, and rode bikes together like most fathers and their sons.

"To us, he was just a wonderful human being," he said.

Martin Luther King III loved his father and when he was killed, it was a very traumatic period in his life, he said.

King said his father did not have much time to spend with his family.

"(But) it was the quality that made the time very special," he said.

"We didn't feel neglected because it was the standard of the quality (time) that he set," he said.

King's father devoted himself to satisfying the needs of his children, he said.

"He was like a buddy to us."

Even when his father came home exhausted from the day, King said, "it was like an exhilaration came over his face."

Martin Luther King Jr. loved his family and his family loved him.

He said he does not feel that being named after his father is a burden. He said instead that it is a

blessing to be named after his father and he accepts the responsibility.

"It's more challenging than a burden," he said.

He said that he utilizes his name to bring about positive change to continue his father's legacy of love, freedom, justice and equality for all humankind.

King said that he came to SJSU to spark activism among its students.

"Every movement and struggle that has ever began in this country... that has ever been successful, has been a movement (with) student involvement," he said.

Society has moved back to a nonactivist posture, he said.

King said that the thrust of his message is that whatever problems that exist in America, part of the solution must come from the academic environment.

"The individuals who are basically allowed or given the privilege of going to an academic institution... it seems to me... have a responsibility to give something back," he said.

King said that we are not going to compete in this global economy unless we begin to focus on the positives and work together.

He said he would love to have the opportunity to come back to SJSU.

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Martin Luther King III
Civil rights activist

Care

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Child Care Center was to feature Cortese, but an illness kept him from speaking. Figueroa filled in and gave a brief speech explaining the purpose of Child Care Voter Registration Day and informing the community of the upcoming Child Care Summit.

What is at stake are several social programs and laws. In California, approximately 68,000 children in child care will stand to lose Child and Adult Care Food Program meals under certain proposals being considered by the Congress. About 19,000 could also lose federal child care subsidies that enable parents to work or get education and training.

Legislation concerning gun safety, reinstatement of state Child Care Income Tax Credit and earthquake safety for child care centers have yet to be decided. Members of the Coalition said they have made education of both voters and policy leaders a top priority in their efforts to increase voter registration and participation on behalf of children.

The Child Care Summit on March 2 at SJSU will provide a forum for political candidates to present their positions on issues affecting children in child care and their families.

The Santa Clara County Child Care Coalition is a group of organizations and individuals united in supporting quality, affordable child care services.

Barbara Kasnic, a Coalition member, said she believes that most people affected by proposed legislation have no idea it will affect them. She hopes informing them will empower those who have the most at stake.

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Barbara Kasnic
Santa Clara County Child Care Coalition member

Torch

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The park will play host to a "Community Celebration" focusing on the community's history, talent, diversity, volunteerism and technology, Welter said.

The celebration will include open houses and displays from several local museums, as well as a concert and a laser show.

The torch will stay the night in San Jose and leave from the Children's Discovery Museum in the morning, traveling north on El

Camino Real as it continues its journey up the peninsula to Foster City, Welter said.

The Torch Relay, the largest in the history of the Olympic Games, will span 84 days in the United States. The Olympic flame will continue to burn during the 16 days of competition, making it 100 days that the torch will spend in America, commemorating the Centennial of the Modern Olympic Games.

Silicon Valley jeweler sues Intel for design theft

Associated Press

Intel Corp., which weathered an outcry over a flaw in its Pentium chip, has a gem of a new problem involving the microprocessor.

A jeweler who transformed some of the defective Pentiums into pins, bracelets, earrings and key chains, is suing Intel, claiming that the world's largest chipmaker stole her designs.

Dianne Emerson, president of Silicon Valley Ware Inc. of Mountain View, Calif., made thousands of pieces of chip ornaments

in a test-market program for Intel in 1994.

Intel later canceled the test program and arranged for another manufacturer to make jewelry, according to Emerson's suit, filed last week in federal court. Intel had the other company use Emerson's designs, which were copyrighted, the suit said.

Howard High, spokesman for the Santa Clara, Calif., company, declined to comment on the specific allegations but said the suit was without merit. The Pentium jewelry made national headlines in late 1994

because Intel then became the target of intense criticism for the way it handled a math flaw in the chip.

, which serves as the brain of personal computers. The flaw produced errors in some obscure calculations.

The error did not affect the average computer user, but consumers and analysts blasted Intel for not immediately publicizing it and for balking at replacing the chips with no questions asked. News coverage boosted demand for the Pentium jewelry.

Television news report angers judge in Polly Klaas kidnap and murder case

Associated Press

Jury selection continued Thursday in the Polly Klaas kidnap and murder case, amid complaints from the judge about a television news report that may have violated a gag order.

Judge Thomas Hastings called a special hearing Thursday afternoon in which he complained about a story on San Jose television station KNTV. In the report, an anonymous source was quoted as saying defendant Richard Allen Davis' videotaped confession would be used as evidence.

The judge did not impose any sanctions but pleaded with the media to show more restraint. He called Channel 11's report "sleazy."

KNTV news director Terry McElhatton said his station stands behind the story.

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KNTV news director

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"It's not our desire to create problems in the case," McElhatton added. "I know the judge does not want a media circus and we're not trying to create one."

In other trial developments, about 75 people were called in to determine if they had any hardships that would prevent them from serving on the jury. Selection of a panel will resume Tuesday.

Court officials planned to call several more groups of people before beginning questioning prospective jurors individually on March 4.

The trial itself was expected to begin in mid-April and run for four or five months.

Davis is charged with the kidnap and killing of the 12-year-old girl during a slumber party at her house in October 1993.

Davis, a 41-year-old parolee with a violent record, was arrested Nov. 30, 1993. Police said he confessed four days later and led them to Polly's body.

If convicted, he could face the death penalty.

Attacks prey on Amish

NAPPANEE, Ind. (AP) — At least 10 or 15 times since January, Amish men on bicycles have been beaten and robbed on their way home from work, sometimes with metal pipes and tire irons.

The Amish are seen as easy prey because their pacifist beliefs prevent them from fighting back and they are reluctant to take their problems to police.

Police think they have finally cracked the case with the help of an Amish man who stepped forward out of fear someone would eventually be killed. But questions and concerns remain.

The attacks have horrified people in Nappanee, where hitching posts stand outside banks and grocery stores and traffic signs warn motorists to watch for horse-drawn buggies.

"My feeling was disgust," said Brooke Box, a non-Amish resident of this town of 5,510 people.

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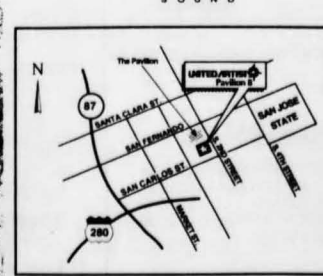
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